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July 4th holiday is a great time to enjoy Corps parks, leave a few things at home, remember safety first when visiting

Walla Walla, Wash., -- The upcoming July 4th holiday weekend is a great time to visit parks and recreation facilities operated by the Walla Walla District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Take advantage of picnicking, camping, fishing, boating, swimming, and enjoy these scenic rivers and lakes.

It's also a time to remember water safety reminders whenever playing in, on or near the water. Swim with a buddy, wear properly fitting life preservers, don't consume intoxicants and operate a vessel, don't dive where you don't know what's under the surface, to list a few.

These facilities attract many visitors and to make the experience a safe and happy one for everybody, a few rules apply, because safety is everyone's responsibility. Enjoy the facilities but remember that personal fireworks are not allowed on Corps property. Recreation officials encourage visitors to attend local fireworks displays in the communities near the parks.

Some areas have local restrictions on open fires, so remember to check with park managers and rangers when visiting. A few other limits are also in place. Leave firearms and other weapons at home. Alcohol is not permitted on Corps properties in Washington. Corps natural resource staffers, as well as local law enforcement officials, will be patrolling throughout the holiday weekend to assist visitors.

Make it a safe and happy holiday weekend for everybody. For more information, visit the Corps' web site on recreation at: <http://www.nwww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/> or <http://www.reserveusa.com> for campground reservation information. Walla Walla District parks and recreation facilities include:

Oregon

Columbia River -- Lake Wallula: Sand Station and McNary Beach near Umatilla

Washington

Mill Creek -- Rook's Park, Mill Creek Recreation Trail and Bennington Lake near Walla Walla

Snake River

* Lake Sacajawea (above Ice Harbor Dam): Hood, Charbonneau, Levey and Fishhook parks

* Lake West (above Lower Monumental Dam): Ayer Boat Basin, Devils Bench, Riparia and Texas Rapids

* Lake Bryan (above Little Goose Dam): Illia Dunes, Illia, and Willow landings

* Lower Granite Lake (above Lower Granite Dam): Chief Timothy Habitat Management Unit, Greenbelt Ramp, Lewiston Levee Parkway, Southway Ramp, Swallows Park, Nisqually John, Offield and Wawawai landings

Idaho

North Fork of the Clearwater River

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* Dworshak Dam, Big Eddy , Bruces Eddy , Canyon Creek, Cold Springs Group Camp, Dent Acres, Dent Acres Group Camp, Grandad, Merry s Bay , all Mini-Camps, Picnic Glen, Powerhouse Road, North Fork River Visitor Center, Dworshak Dam and the Viewpoint

Boise River -- Lucky Peak Dam and Lake, near Boise

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